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Re: Davis Liquid Waste Site, Smithfield, Rhode Island
Our File No. 78-469 U LB

I am writing in response to your letter of November 6, 1985 addressed to Industrial Chemicals (American Hoechst Corporation) with respect to the Davis Liquid Waste Site. That letter requests that we notify EPA with respect to participation in the removal activities being engaged in at the Site.

On November 14, 1985, I spoke with Mr. Jamie Katz, assistant regional counsel with respect to this matter. I informed Mr. Katz that a review of American Hoechst's records and files in response to a 1984 subpoena from the State of Rhode Island indicated that American Hoechst has no vendor records pertaining to the Davis', and no basis upon which to believe that materials from the American Hoechst facility were disposed of at the Davis Landfill. I requested that Mr. Katz provide me with any information from his files indicating the basis for EPA's belief that American Hoechst's materials may have been sent to this site.

At the present time, in view of the fact that American Hoechst has no evidence indicating any involvement with the Davis Liquid Waste Site, American Hoechst cannot volunteer to conduct any of the activities described in your November 6, letter. American Hoechst does have a history of cooperation with EPA in matters such as this, and if additional information is obtained in the future, we will be pleased to



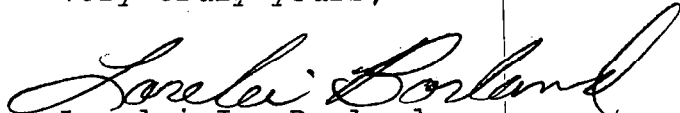
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discuss this matter further.

For purposes of further communication from EPA with respect to this Site, I would appreciate it if you would mark your records to indicate that such communications should be forwarded to me.

Very truly yours,


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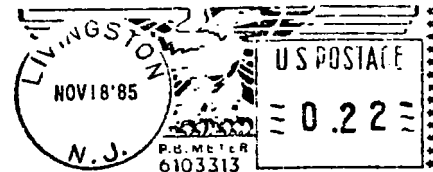
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